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Mr. Pierre Salinger
Press Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Pierre:

This is pretty vicious propaganda that came out of Havana on 27 February 1962, terming the Peace Corps the "CIA Peace Corps" and claiming that Sargent Shriver is a former employee of CIA.

Mr. Shriver has never been an employee of CIA. CIA has nothing whatever to do and wants nothing whatever to do with the Peace Corps. Nothing could be more fatal to the Peace Corps than to have a CIA connection.

Sincerely,

Stanley J. Grogan
Assistant to the Director

Attach.

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(TEXT) SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO--THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SO-CALLED PEACE CORPS OF THE UNITED STATES, SARGENT SHRIVER, ARRIVED TODAY IN SAN JUAN IN ORDER TO NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS WITH THREE PUERTO RICAN UNIVERSITIES FOR THE TRAINING OF NORTH AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS IN POLITICAL PENETRATION ACTIVITIES IN THE NATIONS OF LATIN AMERICAN AND OTHER REGIONS OF THE WORLD.

SHRIVER, BROTHER-IN-LAW OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND FORMER MEMBER OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY--CIA--STATED THAT, ONE YEAR AFTER ITS CREATION, THE SO-CALLED PEACE CORPS HAS 800 MEMBERS IN 18 NATIONS.

HOWEVER, THE ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE THIS CIA ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF CRITICISM IN VARIOUS NATIONS, INCLUDING PUERTO RICO WHERE THE DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PUERTO RICO, JAIME BENITEZ, CAME OUT AGAINST THE RECRUITING OF PUERTO RICAN YOUTHS, DURING SHRIVER'S FIRST VISIT TO THIS ISLAND LAST YEAR.

AT THE SAME TIME THE AFOREMENTIONED CIA PEACE CORPS HAS BEEN REJECTED IN VARIOUS AFRICAN AND ASIATIC NATIONS, WHERE THEY ARE CONSIDERED "INSTRUMENTS OF NEOCOLONIALISM" AT THE SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES.

RECENTLY 1,000 NIGERIAN STUDENTS DEMANDED THE EXPULSION OF MEMBERS OF THE AFOREMENTIONED ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATION TO THAT COUNTRY. THEY ARE CONSIDERED TO BE "INFILTRATION GROUPS" BY BURMESE REPORTERS.

AN EQUALLY NOTORIOUS REJECTION OCCURRED IN INDIA WHERE THE PRESS OF THIS NATION PROTESTED THE ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE "THE TROJAN HORSE OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, FINANCED WITH MONEY FROM THE MUTUAL SECURITY FUND WHICH COVERS EXPENDITURES RELATED TO IMPERIALIST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD."

MEANWHILE IN SEVERAL LATIN AMERICAN NATIONS, IN SOME OF WHICH THE NORTH AMERICAN AGENTS ARE ALREADY AT WORK, POPULAR PROTESTS HAVE ARISEN BECAUSE OF THE MEDDLING BY THIS BRANCH OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

ALONGSIDE THE SO-CALLED PEACE CORPS, A REPORT DISCLOSED YESTERDAY REVEALS, BISHOP ERNEST J. PRIMEAU OF NEW YORK IS UNDERTAKING THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW PENETRATION AND ESPIONAGE AGENCY, SPONSORED BY KENNEDY, CALLED "PAPAL VOLUNTEERS FOR LATIN AMERICA."

BOTH THE NEW ORGANIZATION, AS WELL AS ITS PREDECESSOR, PROPOSE TO FIGHT "COMMUNISM SOUTH OF THE RIO GRANDE," WHICH IS MERELY A PRETEXT TO REPRESS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THESE COUNTRIES.

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